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SUBJ: ANGOLA: GULF-CABINDA KIDNAPPING CASE

REF: ZURICH 165

1. LOCAL GULF REPRESENTATIVE HANS LOEFFEL TOLD CONSOFF THAT FIVE FLEC REPRESENTATIVES FINALLY ARRIVED IN ZURICH LATE ON MARCH 15. HE ADDED THAT NORMAN LEWIS OF GULF IN LONDON RETURNED TO ZURICH FOR MEETINGS WITH FLEC REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH 16-17.

2. ACCORDING TO LOEFFEL, FLEC TEAM, WHICH WAS LED BY JUMBA D. I. TSHIBUKA, DEMANDED LARGE RANSOM PAYMENT FOR RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED EMPLOYEES. LOEFFEL SAID HE COULD NOT DISCLOSE AMOUNT OF RANSOM ASKED. FUNDS OSTENSIBLY WOULD BE USED TO BUY MEDICAL SUPPLIES. LOEFFEL REMARKED THAT GULF HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN SIGNED PLEDGE FROM FLEC TEAM NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST KIDNAPPED EMPLOYEES OR GULF INSTALLATIONS FOR 1 MONTH PERIOD DURING WHICH GULF WILL CONSIDER RANSOM REQUEST.

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3. LOEFFEL ALSO NOTED THAT FLEC HAD DEMANDED AND GULF HAD AGREED TO PAY NEGOTIATING TEAM'S EXPENSES TO SWITZERLAND. LOEFFEL SAID LEWIS HAD GIVEN TSHIBUKA TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK TO COVER AIRFARE AND GULF OFFICE HERE HAS ARRANGED TO PAY HOTEL BILL FOR FLEC MEMBERS WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO STAY IN ZURICH UNTIL MONDAY MARCH 20.

LOEFFEL FINALLY COMMENTED THAT LEWIS HAD DISCUSSED CASE
WITH HIGH-LEVEL GULF OFFICIALS IN LONDON, HOUSTON, AND
PITTSBURGH.

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